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1. On 5 August 1952 the Chinese Communist Party central authorities issued a directive ordering local headquarters to solve the problem faced by village cadre members who must divide their time between unpaid work for the Party and productive labor for their own livelihood.¹ The main points of the order are as follows:
 - a. Problem. The Party work of ch'u (0575), hsiang (6763) and ts'un (2625) cadres in various areas is conflicting with their daily productive activities, according to information obtained by the Policy Research Office. Either Party work has caused a delay in production or production has caused a delay in Party work.
 - b. Causes. The Policy Research Office has found the following causes for this situation:
 - (1) At the ch'u party committee level, an attitude of "taking things as a matter of routine" prevails. The ch'u party committee takes no interest in assisting the hsiang and ts'un cadres to plan their Party work.
 - (2) There are far too many meetings at every level. Some meetings should be combined with others; some meetings are entirely unnecessary.
 - (3) Cadre members hold too many posts concurrently. One cadre member may hold as many as 19 concurrent positions with the result that he spends all of his time in meetings and neglects production.
 - (4) A small number of cadre members are becoming less inclined to engage in certain kinds of production.

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- c. Corrective Measures. The following corrective measures will be enforced by Party committees at all levels:
- (1) The attitude of "taking Party work as a matter of routine" must be changed. Party committees must arrange Party work in order of importance, and assist the basic cadres in accomplishing their Party tasks, studying methods of work, and making a general review of Party accomplishments in their areas.
 - (2) Meetings must not be held unless the agenda is carefully planned; several subjects should be discussed at each meeting. Unnecessary meetings should be abolished.
 - (3) Party committees should cultivate willing individuals and assign them Party work. This will solve the problem of cadre members holding too many concurrent posts and establish a division of labor and a demarcation of responsibility. If additional Party workers are recruited, all cadre members will have sufficient time to engage in production.
 - (4) Party committees must indoctrinate Party and Youth Corps members and village cadres with the concepts of wholehearted service to the people.

- 25X1A 1. Comment. In the spring of 1950 the Chinese Communist central authorities ordered the local Party organizations to correct the condition current among village cadre members of holding so many concurrent Party posts that they were unable to devote sufficient time to making a living. However, beginning with July 1951, the Chinese Communists launched a number of drives, such as the Anti-U. S. Aid Korea drive, the increased agricultural movement, and the people's armed service campaign; consequently, the Party work of the village cadre members was once more increased. Because of this increase, over 70 percent of the village cadre members could not pursue productive labor, with the result that their living became a problem and their devotion to Party work declined. It was to solve this problem that the Chinese Communist Party central authorities issued the present directive.

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